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In re application of

Shuji HITOMI

Appln. No.: 09/497,515

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: February 04, 2000

Examiner: Julian A. Mercado

For: ELECTRODE FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2001, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group 2, claims 1-10, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Group

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Respectfully submitted,

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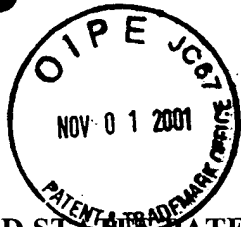
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1 bridging page 2, please delete the 4th paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A1
As shown in Fig. 8, the electrode of a fuel cell incorporates a porous catalyst layer 86 in which catalyst particles 81 and solid polymer electrolyte 82 are distributed three-dimensionally with a plurality of small pores 84 are formed; and a gas diffusion layer 88 containing an electro-conductive porous substrate 87.

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